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MMA – Appeals of Claims Decisions: Modification to Medicare’s Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS)

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Providers who submit appeals of claims decisions of Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs)

Key Points

- The effective date of this instruction is January 1, 2006.
- At the redetermination level of appeal, the FI is not required to send the appellant a letter acknowledging the receipt of a redetermination request.
- MM3970 adds a master record for appeals that incorporates the following within FISS:
 - Beneficiary HIC number
 - Document Control Number (DCN)
 - Date(s) of service
 - Type of bill
 - Correspondence Control Number (CCN).
- Providers and suppliers will thus be able to view these CCNs within the Direct Data Entry (DDE) system and verify that their appeal requests were received.
- The FI will accomplish this by creating an Automated Correspondence System (ACS) master record to input these numbers into the system when they receive a redetermination request.
- FISS will be able to run a report on the master record and provide that report to providers through the DDE.
- The entries into the ACS master record will remain for 90 days before they are automatically removed by the FISS system.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters/mmarticles/2005/MM3970.pdf>

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R174OTN.pdf